News Release

"Celebration of Achievement" Theme of Annual U of M Crookston Student Awards Reception and Program Held on Thursday, April 22, 2010

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"Celebration of Achievement" was the theme for the annual student awards program and reception held recently at the University of Minnesota Crookston. Students were recognized for outstanding achievement and service by faculty and staff. Emcee for the evening was Kent Fredberg, associate professor in the Math, Science, and Technology Department.

Awards and award recipients are listed below:

Crookston Student Association Officers and Senators

Brandon Sachwitz; senior St. Paul, Minn.; Anna Wagner junior; Brandon, Minn.; Alisha Aasness; sophomore; Fergus Falls, Minn.; Kari Sjoveen; senior, Minneapolis, Minn.; Alyssa Jensen senior; Cameron Mills; Brittany Novak; junior Dahlen, N.D.; Greg Summers; senior; Beatrice,Neb.; Eun Hye Kang; senior Seoul, South Korea; Athena Mussenden, seniorKimosha, Wis.; Lauren Sinnely; sophomore; Hemdon, Vig; Eric Morgan; juniorCrookston, Minn.; Zach Hennings; senior East Grand Forks, Minn.; Thomas Haarstick; senior; Vergas, Minn.; Lincoln Meisner; senior; Winthrop, Minn.; Shawn Friedland; junior; Viera, Fla. Advisors: Lisa Samuelson and Bill Peterson.

Outstanding Student Ambassadors

Aisha Aasness; sophomore; Fergus Falls, Minn.; Jaime Bauer; junior Durand, Wis.; Joe Harren; sophomore; Eagle Bend, Minn.; Jackie Dullinger; senior; Hutchinson,Minn.; Nik Jiran; senior; Hayden, Id.

Samantha Lahman; sophomore; Parkers Prairie, Minn.; Kristine Neu ; junior Pelican Rapids, Minn.; Danielle Rueter; sophomore; Stratford, Wis.; Jessica Schein; senior Cannon Falls, Minn. Avin Tong; senior Singapore; Benjamin Williams, freshman; Excelsior, Minn.; Greg Summers; senior, Beatrice, Neb.

Heather Schroeder; senior Nevis, Minn.; Yvonne Wagner ; senior, Halstad, Minn.; Alyssa Aaland; junior, Hatton, N.D.; Steffanie Prestidge; junior, Buffalo, Minn.; Paige Eskelson; presenter

Ambassador of the Year

Greg Summers, Beatrice, Neb.; Paige Eskelson, presenter

Outstanding Tutor Awards

Benjamin Williams, freshman, Excelsior, Minn.; Kirstin (Fjoseel) Mo, senior; Olympia Wash.; Linnea Barton, presenter

Writing Center Tutor

Kristine Neu , junior; Pelican Rapids, Minn.; Linnea Barton, presenter

Academic Assistance Center Awards

Brittany Schlosser, senior; Frederick, S.D.; John Plass, sophomore, Tulelake, Calif.; Tammy Wroblewski; senior Milwaukee, Wis.; Laurie Wilson, presenter

Outstanding Leadership in Campus Ministry

Jennifer Rasmussen ,junior; Dalton, Minn.; Melinda Baszczynski, senior; Earlham, Iowa; Heather Fogelson, sophomore; West Lakeland, Minn.; Dale Knotek, presenter

Outstanding Leadership in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Mark Michalski; senior Silver Bay, Minn.; Jason Tangquist, presenter

Outstanding Achievement in Math and Physics

Shawn Friedland, junior; Viera, Fla.; Bill Peterson, presenter

First Year Biology Award

Alyssa Kirkke, junior, Grand Rapids, Mich

Excellence in Early Childhood Education

Kimberly Nelson, senior; Cold Spring, Minn.; Amanda Russell, senior, Crookston, Minn.; Marsha Odom, presenter

Business Department Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Keith Bakken, senior, Crookston, Minn.; Jessica DeBoer; senior, Crookston, Minn.; Rachel Lundbohm, presenter; Kim Johnson, presenter

Business Department Outstanding Leadership Award

Lincoln Meisner, senior Winthrop, Minn.; Alyssa Jensen, senior; Cameron, Wis.; Rachel Lundbohm, presenter; Kim Johnson, presenter

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Exceptional Project Leader Awards

Heather Donati-Lewis, senior; Narcoossee, Fla.; Trista Kleinwachter; freshman, Mentor, Minn.; Jared Hendricks, senior, Owatonna, Minn.; Abbie Tosh, senior Crookston,Minn.; Stephanie Onken, senior, Round Lake, Minn.; Rachel Lundbohm, presenter; Ken Johnson, presenter

Outstanding Accounting Student

Erin Shaw, senior; Lancaster, Minn.; Kim Johnson, presenter

Outstanding Sport and Recreation Management (SRM) Student

Derek Ricke, junior, Menahga, Minn.; David Rolling, presenter

Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Hospitality Award

Monica Grenell, senior Maple Plain, Minn.; Amoy Carty, sophomore, Sandy Point, KNA; Ashley Williams, junior; Big Lake, Minn.; Holly Wross, sophomore; Big Lake, Minn.; Lauren Ferrara, sophomore; Eden Prairie, Minn.; Ryan Eldingson, sophomore;Wadena, Minn.; Ken Myers, presenter

Outstanding Student of Communication

Heather Hernig (minor); senior Mountain Lake, Minn.; Max Sasaninen (major); senior, Lakeville,Minn.

Lynnette Mullins, presenter

Outstanding Turfgrass Student Award

Thomas Hoiver; junior, Chaska, Minn.; Kristie Walker, presenter

Turf Bowl Team Award

Thomas Hoiver; junior, Chaska, Minn.; Philip Holland; senior, New London, Minn.; Mark Michalski; senior, Silver Bay, Wis.; Weston Wander; senior,Sauk Centre, Minn.; Kristie Walker, presenter

Norman Pankratz Memorial Conservation Award

Tim Knudson, senior; Monticello, Minn.; Cory Oestreich, sophomore, Florence, Mont.; Dan Svedarsky, presenter

John Polsey Soil and Water Conservation Award

Nick Sylvester junior, Crookston, Minn.; Phil Norvitch, senior; Mountain Iron, Minn.; Josh Larson, senior Park Rapids, Minn.; Amanda Bochow, senior; Wahkiava, Hawaii; Matt Thompson, senior, Karlstad, Minn.;

Dan Svedarsky, presenter

Outstanding Equine Science Student

Amanda Peterson, senior; Rochester, Minn.; Ron Del Vecchio, presenter

Outstanding Animal Science Student

Isaiah Ulmer; senior, Fullerton, N.D.; Ron Del Vecchio, presenter

Outstanding Service to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department

Tony Dare, senior; Sartell, Minn.; Ron Del Vecchio, presenter

Outstanding Ag Business Student

Cole Dimmer, senior, Crary, N.D.; Margot Buddstein, presenter

Outstanding Ag Systems Management Students

Thomas Haarstick, senior; Vergas, Minn.; Kent Fredberg, presenter

Outstanding Horticulture Student

Michael Field; senior, Spicer, Minn.

Horticulture Club Service Award

Jada Eldenberg, senior; Perham, Minn.; Eric Castle, presenter

Outstanding Student Awards

Nate Perkett; freshman, Stillwater, Minn.; Theo Lennemen, sophomore, St. Michael,Minn. ; Kristine Neu; junior, Pelican Rapids, Minn.; Jada Eldenberg, seniorPerham, Minn.; Jennifer Zych, senior, Remer, Minn.; Stephani Tietje; senioreyfield, Minn. ; Michael Field; senior, Spicer, Minn.; Eric Castle, presenter

PLANET Team Awards

Theo Lennemen, sophomore; St. Michael, Minn.; Jada Eldenberg; senior, Perham, Minn.; Justin Erdmann, freshman, Hoarce, N.D.; Jennifer Zych, senior; Thief River Falls, Minn.; Keuryung Kim, senior Gwangju, South Korea; Michael Field;senior, Spicer, Minn.; Eric Castle, presenter

Certificate of Appreciation for International Student Programming

Keuryung Kim, sophomore, Gwangju City, South Korea; Qian Liu, junior, Guangdong, China; Taehee Yook, senior, Seoul, South Korea; Yangchen Gurung, sophomore, Kathmandu, Nepal ; Rae French, presenter

Kim Gillette, presenter

Outstanding Leadership for International Students

Eun Hye Kang, junior Seoul, South Korea; Lhakpa Gurung, junior, Kathmandu, Nepal; Rae French, presenter; Kim Gillette,presenter

Outstanding Music Awards

Matthew Green, sophomore, Greenbush, Minn.; Brooke Hamilton, freshman, Adams, Minn.; George French, presenter

Outstanding Theater Awards

Austin Ciztchotski, sophomore, Bamesville, Minn.; Emily Nelsen, sophomore; Atwater, Minn.; George French, presenter

Outstanding Service to the Music and Theater Department

Kevin Anderson, senior; Spring Grove, Minn.; George French, presenter

Outstanding ESL Student Award

Xiaowei Zhou, ESL student, Chongqing, China

Outstanding ESL Recitation Tutor Award

Justin Hassa, senior; Wadena, Minn.

Outstanding Help Desk Employee Award

Rory Heid, junior; Cold Spring, Minn.; Thea Helan, presenter

Dale Knotek Community Service Award

Multicultural International Club

Outstanding Student Volunteer of the Year

Nik Jiran, senior Hayden, Idaho

President's Volunteer Service Awards

Nik Jiran senior Hayden, Idaho; Tracy Nyhus, senior Almena, Wis.; Brittany Novak, junior Dahlen, N.D.; Jackie Dullinger; senior Hutchinson, Minn.; Kate Bentley; senior St. Paul, Minn.; Shawn E. Friedland; junior Viera, Fla.; Karl Syverson; senior Minneapolis, Minn.; Sarah Nowacki; senior Argyle, Minn.; Katelyn Zins; sophomore, Starbuck, Minn.;Anne Kelly; sophomore; Jordan, Minn.; Jessica Fetterson; junior Evansville, Minn.; Bamon Rory Held; junior, Cold Spring,Minn. ;Joe Harren ; sophomore; Eagle Bend, Minn.; Tony Dare; senior Sartell,Minn.; Heather Donati-Lewis; senior, Narcoossee, Fla.; Austin Ciztchotski;sophomore; Bamesville, Minn.; Kristine Neu; junior, Pelican Rapids, Minn.; Brittany Bergeman ; sophomore; Good Thunder, Minn.; Lauren Ferrara; sophomore; Eden Prairie, Minn.; Kristie Johnson; senior Pelican Rapids, Minn.; Eun Hye Kang senior ; Seoul, South Korea

Gloh Liu; junior Guangdong, China; Ningye Lo ; sophomore; Fu Shi, Taiwan; Katie Manning; junior Wrenshall, Minn.; Steffanie Prestidge; junior,Buffalo, Minn.; Tammy Wroblewski; senior Milwaukee, Wis. ;Eli Zelinsky; senior Brooklyn Park, Minn.; Lisa Longbering, presenter

UMC Athletic Dept. All-Academic Team (3.2 grade point average or higher)

Jaclyn Sepicka, volleyball; senior Palatine, Il.; Danielle Rueter volleyball;sophomore, Burlington, Wis.

Trent Grove, mens basketball; sophomore;Hartford, S.D. ; Jessica Biddle; equine; senior Elburn IL Katie Bowcaw;softball; senior Moorhead, Minn.; Kayla Bowe softball; junior Moorhead,Minn.; Cody Brekken, football, Crookston, Minn.; Amy Carlson ; softball,sophomore; Rush City, Minn.; Laura Critchett; equine, junior Shoreview, Minn.; Sarena Diederichs, softball, junior St Cloud, Minn.

Megan Eul , women's basketball, sophomore; Rosemount, Minn.; Megan Hannon, soccerseniar, Green Bay, Wis.; Justine Jones, soccer senior Richland, Wash. ; Lauren Kessler, women's basketball, sophomore,Albertville, Minn.; Stephanie Lee, soccer, junior, Santa Fe, NM; Paul Myers, baseball, sophomore; Arden Hills, Minn.; Anna Ogaard, soccer junior Maple Grove, Minn.; Justin Overby, football, sophomore, Langdon, ND; Nicole Veres, equine, senior; Random Lake, Wis.

Stephen Woods, baseball, Naples, Fla.; Tammy Wroblewski, women's golf senior Milwaukee, Wis.

Bri Zabel , women's basketball; junior Northfield, Minn.; Jason Tangquist, presenter

Outstanding Student Programmer Award

Austin Ciztchotski, sophomore, Bamesville, Minn.; Brittany Novak, presenter

Outstanding Crookston Student Association (CSA) Senator

Eun Hye Kang, senior; Seoul, South Korea; Thomas Haarstick, presenter; Alyssa Jensen, presenter.

Outstanding Club Representative

Leonard Wilf, sophomore, Tulelake, Calif.;Alyssa Jensen, presenter; Thomas Haarstick,presenter

Faculty Recognized by UMC Students for Service and Achievement

Most Creative Use of Technology

Bill Peterson, professor; Math, Science, and Technology Department

Most Supportive of Students

Ken Johnson, instructor; Business Department

Outstanding Educator

Rachel McCoppin, - associate professor Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Department

Outstanding Service to Students

Rae French, coordinator of study abroad

Student Achievement Awards

Anthony Dank, senior, Sartell, Minn; **Shawn Friedland**, junior, Viera, Fla.; **Thomas Haarstick**, senior, **Vergas**, Minn.; Nikolas Jiran, senior Hayden, Idaho; Brandon Sachwitz; senior St. Paul, Minn.; Kari Syverson, senior Minneapolis, Minn.; Alvin Tong, senior Singapore; Lhakpa Gurung, junior Kathmandu, Nepal; Eun Hye Kang; senior Seoul, South Korea; Kimberly S. Nelson, senior Cold Spring, Minn.; Kristine Neu, junior, Pelican Rapids, Minn.; Mindy Neuveboer; senior Kennedy, Minn.; Brittany Novak; junior, Dahlen, ND

Honored as **'Man and Woman of the Year'** from the students who received the Student Achievement Award were Man of the Year Anthony Dank, a senior animal science and equine science pre-vet major, and Woman of the Year Eun HyeKang, a senior communication major.Dank is the son of Jim and Mary Dank from Sartell, Minn. and Kang is the daughter of Syung Hyun Kang and Soon Ryeban from Seoul, South Korea.The awards were presented by emcee for the awards program Associate Professor Pam Elf and Daniel Wilson, president of the Crookston Noon Day Lions Club.

Coordination and arrangements for the awards program and reception is the responsibility of the Awards Committee including Lisa Samuelson, director of student activities; Terrill Bradford, instructor in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department; George French, associate professor in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Department; David Rolling, assistant professor in the Business Department; and Patti Tiedemann, graphic designer in University Relations.

Special thanks to the Northwest Educational Improvement Association and the Crookston Noon Day Lions Club for their continued support of the awards reception and program.

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